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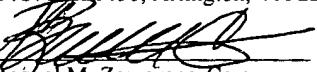
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of US references are not provided as the application is being filed after 30 June 2003. A copy of all foreign documents or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that eighteen of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were sited in an International Search Report, enclosed herewith.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)): EP 1 067 777 corresponds to JP 2001-16509. US 2002-0008760 A1 corresponds to JP 2001-275029. US 2003/0156204 A1 corresponds to JP 2002-237998. US 5,872,596 corresponds to JP 6-205307. English abstracts are provided for all other foreign references.

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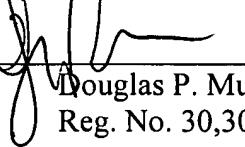
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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